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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY
CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PREPARATION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
NORTH LOS ANGELES/KERN COUNTY REGIONAL RECYCLED WATER PROJECT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40,
ANTELOPE VALLEY:**

Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to enter into an Agreement with Environmental Science Associates, Inc. (ESA) to provide engineering and related services for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for the North Los Angeles/Kern County Regional Recycled Water Project, at a not-to-exceed fee of \$366,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to enter into an Agreement with ESA to provide engineering and related services for preparation of an EIR/EA for the North Los Angeles/Kern County Regional Recycled Water Project to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility since it would allow the District to prepare the EIR/EA as required by State and Federal law in the most cost-efficient manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. The recommended Agreement for the work is for an aggregate not-to-exceed fee of \$366,000, including \$32,643 for unforeseen additional work. Additional work will require prior written authorization by the Director of Public Works or his designee. Funding for this Agreement is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64). The District will be reimbursed for a portion of the cost of preparation of the EIR/EA, up to a total of \$329,250, by contributions from the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency, Palmdale Water District, Quartz Hill Water District, Rosamond Community Services District, City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, and County Sanitation District Nos. 14 and 20 of Los Angeles County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The EIR/EA will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Public Resource Code Section 21000, et seq., and 42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.

A standard Consultant Services Agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used to award the work to ESA. The Agreement includes a clause for termination of services upon prior written notice and a renegotiation clause as directed by your Board.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, ESA is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunity for Work participants for future employment.

ESA is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the original contract stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, about Board Policy 5.135, the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Preparation of the EIR/EA does not involve a commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Therefore, the EIR/EA does not constitute a project or approval of a project pursuant to Section 301 of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On September 13, 2006, we circulated a Request for Proposal to 25 firms for the work. Two firms, ESA and Tetra Tech, Inc., responded to the Request for Proposal. An evaluation committee, composed of staff from the City of Lancaster, Palmdale Water District, County Sanitation District Nos. 14 and 20 of Los Angeles County, Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency, Rosamond Community Services District, and the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, evaluated the written proposals from the two firms. The evaluation committee selected ESA as the most qualified firm for the work. The evaluation of the firms was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. The negotiated fees have been reviewed by Public Works and are considered reasonable for the services provided.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. ESA is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program, and their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel